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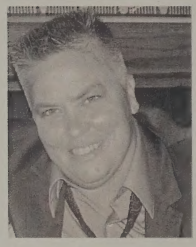

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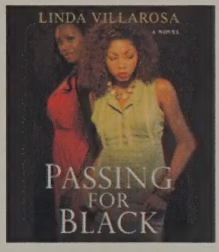

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Imani Evans is the Founder and Executive Director of Women Healing Women Atlanta, Inc., a nonprofit organization committed to supporting and empowering survivors of sexual violence (www.surviving2thriving.org). She holds a B.A in Psychology and M.A. in Counseling Psychology. Imani has been a social change agent for more than 18 years, working with several grassroots, nonprofit agencies throughout Atlanta, New Jersey and New York. Identifying as a poetess-warrior, Imani has hosted and performed for countless venues in New York and Atlanta. She considers her work an expression of self-empowerment and a celebration of ALL women!

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Deepali Gokhale (pronounced "go-clay") emigrated to the U.S. from India in 1973. Her childhood experiences growing up in a brown immigrant family in semi-rural Virginia shape much of her outlook on social justice. She has been an active volunteer and community organizer in queer and South Asian communities in Atlanta since 1995, as co-organizer of Raksha's Masala Chai Houses, Steering Committee Coordinator of Trikone Atlanta, Steering Committee Co-Chair of the campaign against Georgia's anti-gay marriage amendment, founder of the Queer Progressive Agenda, and Campaign Organizer for the Racial Justice Campaign Against "Operation Meth Merchant." After a period of rest and rejuvenation, Deepali is now helping to organize conversations between immigrant communities in Atlanta about using the human rights framework to advance their fight for justice. She is the recipient of the 2004 Human Rights Guardian Award from the National Center for Human Rights Education, the 2005 Ramesh and Vijaya Bakshi Community Change Award from Raksha, and the 2007 Award for Leadership in LGBTQ Community Organizing from KhushDC.

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Roshelle Darlene Hudson worked for ten years with the Arkansas state health department in the area of AIDS prevention education and in 1990, founded and directed one of the first Black gay organizations in Arkansas, called Brotha's and Sista's. The organization addressed AIDS awareness and social change issues. Hudson moved from Arkansas to Georgia in1998 where she continued her community activism and AIDS work. In 2002-2006 she served as the Executive Director of In the Life Atlanta, an African American Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community-based project responsible for organizing Black gay pride and related forums in Atlanta. Her other work has included conducting HIV prevention education workshops in the southeast regions of the U.S. and abroad in indigent communities of South. She is a member of her union, Service Employees International Union (SEIU), active in her neighborhood association, is a member of Zeta Phi Beta and attends the Vision Church. She has been in a committed relationship for nine years with a partner who also shares her passion for AIDS awareness work and community activism.

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Rev. Dr. Kathi E. Martin is a community "bridge builder" who believes we are more powerful change agents when working together than when we are divided. She is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. Additionally, she is the former pastor of First Immanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church; founder of God, Self, and Neighbor (GSN) Ministries; and former Minister for Multi-Cultural Outreach at First Metropolitan Community Church. Dr. Martin presently serves at The Victory Church in Stone Mountain, Georgia and is a board member of the United Church of Christ Coalition for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Concerns. A staunch activist in the LGBT community, Dr. Martin has lobbied on the federal and state level in support of the Hate Crimes Bill and the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), as well as against the Marriage Amendment. She is an active ally to the transgender community and has been the keynote speaker for the Atlanta Transgender Day of Remembrance. Dr. Martin has spoken at various local and national events including The National Coalition of Gay and Lesbian Concerns, In The Life Atlanta, and Miami Black Gay Pride.

Life can be found only in the present moment. The past is gone, the future is not yet here, and if we do not go back to ourselves in the present moment, we cannot be in touch with life. – Thich Nhat Hanh

Aida Rentas was born in Santurce, Puerto Rico and moved with her family to New York City when she was four years old. She learned early in life that to be a lesbian, one had to fight. She hung out in Greenwich Village and joined women's groups like Salsa Soul Sisters and the Activist in her was born. Rentas headed to Atlanta in 1992 and joined a myriad of organizations and assumed leadership roles in many of them. She was on the founding board of The Georgia Equality Project, founded a support group called Latinos En Accion, served as a senior advisor for Mayor Bill Campbell, as well as a volunteer coordinator for Mayor Shirley Franklin. She served on The Civilian Review Board, and was trained politically by The Victory Fund. Rentas worked as the Outreach Coordinator for the AIDS Memorial Quilt (The NAMES Project) from which she retired in 2006. For six years, she has directed the GrassRoots Institute, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to help single parents with their children. Rentas is currently overseeing the construction of its new headquarters on five acres of land in Tennessee…at a place called "Sassafras"

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Duncan E. Teague has been a lay minister at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta since 2004. He is currently pursuing a Masters of Divinity degree at Candler School of Theology at Emory University in hopes of becoming a fully fellowshipped Unitarian Universalist minister. Teague was a keynote presenter at the Gay Spirit Vision's 2007 Fall Conference, Highlands, NC and has served on organizing committees of the national Gay Spirit Culture Summit, Garrison, NY and the Southeastern Regional Gay Men's Health Summit, Fort Lauderdale, FL. He is a facilitator of the "Spirituality and HIV" workshop of AID Atlanta's AIDS 101 and has worked in HIV/AIDS prevention, education and/or research for more than twenty years. Teague, as the senior member of the ADODI Muse; A Gay Negro Ensemble, is a respected performing artist and published poet. The ADODI Muse have been gracing the stages nationally and locally with their out and proud performance poetry since 1995. Teague is happily married to his long-time companion of fifteen years, David Thurman

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11:30 – 12 noon	Performance by Denitia Odigie
12 noon –12:30	Tribute to Community Activists
12:30 – 1:45	Reading & Book Signing by Linda Villarosa – Books sold by Charis Books & More
1:45 – 2:00	Thanks and Acknowledgemants

2008 Audre Lorde Scholarship Award Recipients

Dawn Robinson, Berkeley City College, Berkeley, CA – Sheryl Burke Award

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Joshua Johnson, UC Berkeley School of Law, Berkeley, CA – Sandra Jones & Ronald Moore Award

David Green, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI – Tony Daniels Community Ally Award funded by ADODI Muse – A Gay Negro Ensemble (Duncan Teague, Anthony Antoine & Malik M.L. Williams)

Sylvie Victoire, International Institute for Water/Environmental Engineering, Burkina Faso, West Africa – Mary Anne Adams Award funded by Carol Harrison & Stephanie Troncalli

Leicque Doanes, Georgia Perimeter College, Atlanta, GA – ALFA Award (Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance)

Sarah Stefana Smith, Goddard College, Plainfield, VT – Margaret Helfand Memorial Award funded by Judith Helfand

Lewis Hamer, Harold Washington College, Chicago, Illinois – Cherie Caldwell Award

Yolo Akili, Yoga of India, Atlanta, GA – Wendy Belkin & Linda Bryant Award

Loc Vu, West Valley College, Saratoga, CA –Sarah Crymes & Rhonda Freeman Award and Elder Antonio Jones Award (funded by Unity Fellowship Church).

Kristin M. Brown, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL – Margaret Ntombi Howell Power and Presence Memorial Award funded by Rhesa M. Jenkins & Ama Saran

Jardyn D. Lake, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA – Mandy Carter Award funded by Germaine Curtin

Tyaire Wilkerson, Barry University, Miami Shores, FL – Fourth Tuesday-ALHI (Atlanta Lesbian Health Initiative) Award

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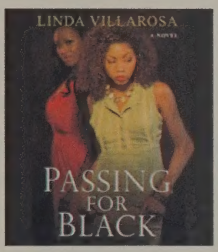

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Shirley Adams works with and volunteers for organizations that sustain our community and build alliances. She is working now on a collaborative project to nourish and strengthen ALHI and Fourth Tuesday of Georgia. Her passions are connecting with others – on and off of the dance floor. She is passionate about taking control of one's own physical and emotional health. Shirley has supported ZAMI scholarships for many years. She believes that education enriches life and expands one's vision of what is possible.

Without health, there is no wealth. – John Ruskin

From her "Sister of Sappho" days at Humbolt State University in the early 1970's to working with "Unity Fellowship Church" in Los Angeles, **Frances Andrews** ended the 70's as a member of the Peace Corps "gamins." She then spent the next ten years hibernating on Catalina Island while creating a nonprofit arts exchange for youth. After raising her daughter, Andrews made her way to Atlanta in 2002 where she works as a Literacy Facilitator for the Dekalb County Library and serves as a liaison in the homeless shelter community. A fierce believer in social justice, advocacy and volunteerism, she consistently marks her calendar throughout the year to just show up for duty. Andrews says, "I know how to "get in where I fit in."

Bring Forth Your Tithes, Your Gifts and Your Offerings. – Unknown

Born and raised in Atlanta, **Anne "Sarge" Barr** is the Commissioner of the Decatur Women's Sports League. She coached seven years for Hotlanta Softball and then began her own league offering additional sports such as tennis, bowling, basketball, volleyball and badminton. All women are encouraged to participate regardless of age, skill, and sexual orientation. The proceeds benefit the Atlanta Lesbian Health Initiative to assist women with inadequate health coverage. For the last six years, Barr has earned her living as a driver delivering meals for Project Open Hand: a community-based nonprofit organization addressing Comprehensive Nutrition Care™– healthy, home-delivered meals combined with nutrition education, counseling and therapy for homebound seniors and individuals struggling with a chronic, critical or terminal illness.

Faith is my courage, my hope, my reason, my future. – Sarge Barr

Betty Couvertier, a Puerto Rican out Lesbian, Activist, originally from New York, has resided in Atlanta since 1995. She is the producer of Alternative Perspectives, a radio program aired on WRFG 89.3 about the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning community and our allies. Betty is a former member of HRC (Human Rights Campaign) and served on the Atlanta Steering Committee, as the Diversity Co-chair from 2003 to 2007. She was also a member of the Trans=Action Board of Directors, and since 2002 has served as the Outreach Chair for the Atlanta Pride Festival Committee. In 2004, Betty served as a co-chair of GAD (Georgians Against Discrimination), the campaign to defeat SR 595, the marriage amendment that bans marriage and civil unions for the LGBTQ community.

You don't make progress by standing on the sidelines, whimpering and complaining. You make progress by implementing ideas. – Shirley Chisholm

Imani Evans is the Founder and Executive Director of Women Healing Women Atlanta, Inc., a nonprofit organization committed to supporting and empowering survivors of sexual violence (www.surviving2thriving.org). She holds a B.A in Psychology and M.A. in Counseling Psychology. Imani has been a social change agent for more than 18 years, working with several grassroots, nonprofit agencies throughout Atlanta, New Jersey and New York. Identifying as a poetess-warrior, Imani has hosted and performed for countless venues in New York and Atlanta. She considers her work an expression of self-empowerment and a celebration of ALL women!

Surviving is important. Thriving is elegant. – Maya Angelou

Deepali Gokhale (pronounced "go-clay") emigrated to the U.S. from India in 1973. Her childhood experiences growing up in a brown immigrant family in semi-rural Virginia shape much of her outlook on social justice. She has been an active volunteer and community organizer in queer and South Asian communities in Atlanta since 1995, as co-organizer of Raksha's Masala Chai Houses, Steering Committee Coordinator of Trikone Atlanta, Steering Committee Co-Chair of the campaign against Georgia's anti-gay marriage amendment, founder of the Queer Progressive Agenda, and Campaign Organizer for the Racial Justice Campaign Against "Operation Meth Merchant." After a period of rest and rejuvenation, Deepali is now helping to organize conversations between immigrant communities in Atlanta about using the human rights framework to advance their fight for justice. She is the recipient of the 2004 Human Rights Guardian Award from the National Center for Human Rights Education, the 2005 Ramesh and Vijaya Bakshi Community Change Award from Raksha, and the 2007 Award for Leadership in LGBTQ Community Organizing from KhushDC.

Liberation includes freedom to make mistakes, Trust is built on authenticity and truth, Peace is delivered by transforming conflict, and Love that's genuine embraces both joy and pain. – Deepali Gokhale

Roshelle Darlene Hudson worked for ten years with the Arkansas state health department in the area of AIDS prevention education and in 1990, founded and directed one of the first Black gay organizations in Arkansas, called Brotha's and Sista's. The organization addressed AIDS awareness and social change issues. Hudson moved from Arkansas to Georgia in1998 where she continued her community activism and AIDS work. In 2002-2006 she served as the Executive Director of In the Life Atlanta, an African American Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community-based project responsible for organizing Black gay pride and related forums in Atlanta. Her other work has included conducting HIV prevention education workshops in the southeast regions of the U.S. and abroad in indigent communities of South. She is a member of her union, Service Employees International Union (SEIU), active in her neighborhood association, is a member of Zeta Phi Beta and attends the Vision Church. She has been in a committed relationship for nine years with a partner who also shares her passion for AIDS awareness work and community activism.

The only thing I have control over is me. I can't control or change others. The change begins with me and how I choose to see things. – Darlene Hudson

Rev. Dr. Kathi E. Martin is a community "bridge builder" who believes we are more powerful change agents when working together than when we are divided. She is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. Additionally, she is the former pastor of First Immanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church; founder of God, Self, and Neighbor (GSN) Ministries; and former Minister for Multi-Cultural Outreach at First Metropolitan Community Church. Dr. Martin presently serves at The Victory Church in Stone Mountain, Georgia and is a board member of the United Church of Christ Coalition for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Concerns. A staunch activist in the LGBT community, Dr. Martin has lobbied on the federal and state level in support of the Hate Crimes Bill and the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), as well as against the Marriage Amendment. She is an active ally to the transgender community and has been the keynote speaker for the Atlanta Transgender Day of Remembrance. Dr. Martin has spoken at various local and national events including The National Coalition of Gay and Lesbian Concerns, In The Life Atlanta, and Miami Black Gay Pride.

Life can be found only in the present moment. The past is gone, the future is not yet here, and if we do not go back to ourselves in the present moment, we cannot be in touch with life. – Thich Nhat Hanh

Aida Rentas was born in Santurce, Puerto Rico and moved with her family to New York City when she was four years old. She learned early in life that to be a lesbian, one had to fight. She hung out in Greenwich Village and joined women's groups like Salsa Soul Sisters and the Activist in her was born. Rentas headed to Atlanta in 1992 and joined a myriad of organizations and assumed leadership roles in many of them. She was on the founding board of The Georgia Equality Project, founded a support group called Latinos En Accion, served as a senior advisor for Mayor Bill Campbell, as well as a volunteer coordinator for Mayor Shirley Franklin. She served on The Civilian Review Board, and was trained politically by The Victory Fund. Rentas worked as the Outreach Coordinator for the AIDS Memorial Quilt (The NAMES Project) from which she retired in 2006. For six years, she has directed the GrassRoots Institute, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to help single parents with their children. Rentas is currently overseeing the construction of its new headquarters on five acres of land in Tennessee…at a place called "Sassafras"

Extraordinary people are ordinary people with extraordinary determination. – Aida Rentas

Duncan E. Teague has been a lay minister at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta since 2004. He is currently pursuing a Masters of Divinity degree at Candler School of Theology at Emory University in hopes of becoming a fully fellowshipped Unitarian Universalist minister. Teague was a keynote presenter at the Gay Spirit Vision's 2007 Fall Conference, Highlands, NC and has served on organizing committees of the national Gay Spirit Culture Summit, Garrison, NY and the Southeastern Regional Gay Men's Health Summit, Fort Lauderdale, FL. He is a facilitator of the "Spirituality and HIV" workshop of AID Atlanta's AIDS 101 and has worked in HIV/AIDS prevention, education and/or research for more than twenty years. Teague, as the senior member of the ADODI Muse; A Gay Negro Ensemble, is a respected performing artist and published poet. The ADODI Muse have been gracing the stages nationally and locally with their out and proud performance poetry since 1995. Teague is happily married to his long-time companion of fifteen years, David Thurman

You better set yourself free. – Unknown

Brunch Schedule

11:30 – 12 noon	Performance by Denitia Odigie
12 noon –12:30	Tribute to Community Activists
12:30 – 1:45	Reading & Book Signing by Linda Villarosa – Books sold by Charis Books & More
1:45 – 2:00	Thanks and Acknowledgemants

2008 Audre Lorde Scholarship Award Recipients

Dawn Robinson, Berkeley City College, Berkeley, CA – Sheryl Burke Award

Kendra Bryant, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL – Brenda Banks & Kerrie Cotten Williams Award

Joshua Johnson, UC Berkeley School of Law, Berkeley, CA – Sandra Jones & Ronald Moore Award

David Green, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI – Tony Daniels Community Ally Award funded by ADODI Muse – A Gay Negro Ensemble (Duncan Teague, Anthony Antoine & Malik M.L. Williams)

Sylvie Victoire, International Institute for Water/Environmental Engineering, Burkina Faso, West Africa – Mary Anne Adams Award funded by Carol Harrison & Stephanie Troncalli

Leicque Doanes, Georgia Perimeter College, Atlanta, GA – ALFA Award (Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance)

Sarah Stefana Smith, Goddard College, Plainfield, VT – Margaret Helfand Memorial Award funded by Judith Helfand

Lewis Hamer, Harold Washington College, Chicago, Illinois – Cherie Caldwell Award

Yolo Akili, Yoga of India, Atlanta, GA -- Wendy Belkin & Linda Bryant Award

Loc Vu, West Valley College, Saratoga, CA –Sarah Crymes & Rhonda Freeman Award and Elder Antonio Jones Award (funded by Unity Fellowship Church).

Kristin M. Brown, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL – Margaret Ntombi Howell Power and Presence Memorial Award funded by Rhesa M. Jenkins & Ama Saran

Jardyn D. Lake, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA – Mandy Carter Award funded by Germaine Curtin

Tyaire Wilkerson, Barry University, Miami Shores, FL – Fourth Tuesday-ALHI (Atlanta Lesbian Health Initiative) Award

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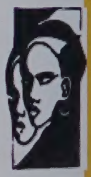

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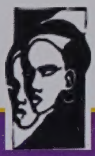

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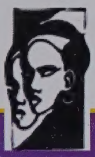

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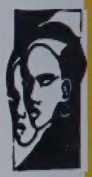

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